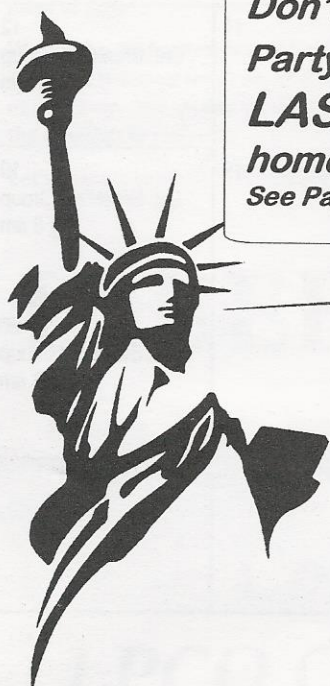


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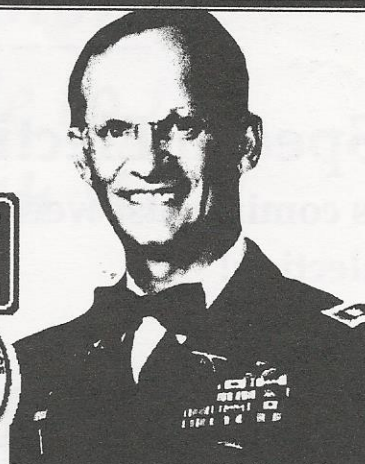
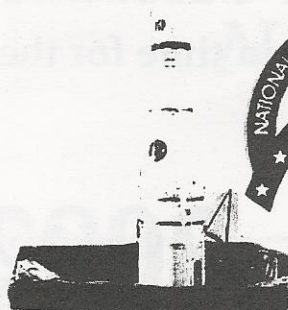
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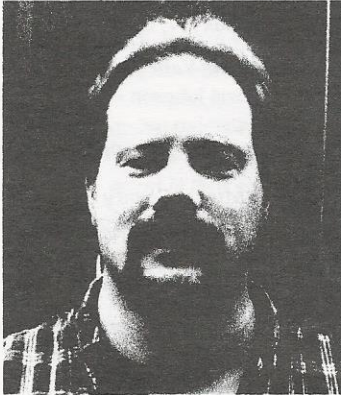
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Notes from the Chair: Constitutional



John Berntson writes his *Notes from the Chair* article for the *Liberty* monthly and is in his second year as Board Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado.

some conservatives, the sorts who could not be pried away from the GOP with a crowbar. There is very little gain in using the phrase.

Most people do not worry about constitutional government. They believe we already have it. They assume that, were the politicians to break the rules, the courts would somehow stop them in their tracks. Or they think that the Constitution is an outdated document, without relevance. Or, worse yet, they just don't care.

The average citizen today knows what he wants. He wants the government to take care of him. He wants the government to take care of the poor, to take care of his parents, to put out forest fires, provide parks to play in, to keep medicines and foods safe, to prevent airliners from colliding, to educate his children, and to keep the economy and society running along smoothly.

The fact that government does these things poorly he rarely notices, even as he makes jokes about "government work." The idea that a free society could do these things better is rarely brought up in his circles. The notion that government does not have the authority to do these things would never occur to him - nor would he change anything if it did.

You see, in libertarian circles, we focus a lot on the corruption in government, how they break their own rules, how they do things without authority. We treat this as the source of all evil in our world. It is not.

The true corruption is in the hearts of the people. They believe it is right that money is taken from Tom and given to Harry, because Harry needs it. They believe it is right to use force to prevent people from doing those things that may harm them - or simply does not please us. They believe it is right to use government schooling to teach their version of the truth to other peoples' children. They do not see the dichotomy between using the government to get their own way and the anger they feel when others use it against them.

Rather than a world full of choice, we use government to beat each other over the head. In this environment, preaching constitutional government is not worth the effort. Even if you could make them see the logic in making government follow its own rules, they would just amend the Constitution to make all those things legal. Where would we be then?

Our job is to teach people about a free society, how choice can give everyone what they want, how giving freedom to others enhances our own lives. Preaching the Constitution seems like a tempting shortcut to this, but it could just as easily become a trap. We do not want people to focus on making things legal, when what we want them to do is to make things moral.

So, I would urge our candidates not to preach constitutional government. Instead, make simple moral arguments. Ask questions. "Does wrong become right when the majority agrees? Does society have a right to demand an individual sacrifice his life or property for everyone else? Does wealth belong to the person who earned it or somebody else? Do you want your child to be raised in a world that rewards his virtues or punishes them?" That is, show them the world we live in today in terms of the simple morality we all learned on the playground and in our homes. Let them see that we violate that morality every day.

The Constitution was enacted to protect the rights of the people. However, it was only going to do that so long as the people respected the rights of others. In 1820, just about any American could explain the simple morality and philosophy of individual rights over a cup of coffee. Our job now is to rekindle this understanding in people. When we do, the Constitution will take care of itself.

— John K. Berntson

Changes to the Colorado Liberty

On June 11th the new Board of Directors of the Libertarian Party of Colorado met for its monthly meeting. At that meeting a pair of motions were put forward that will change the way this publication, the *Colorado Liberty*, will be distributed, and created a new publication to be produced by the party.

Currently an estimated 25% of the registered party members are also either dues paying members or paid subscribers to the *Colorado Liberty*. This 25% is carrying the burden of 100% of the monthly publication and distribution costs of the publication. For that reason John Berntson, State Chair, requested a change be made.

After some heated discussion the decision was made that after this, the July issue, of the *Colorado Liberty* is published and mailed, changes will go into effect on who receives the *Liberty*. Those changes are outlined on page 4.

The Activists' Corner

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Joe Johnson writes the Activists' Corner for the Colorado Liberty monthly and has just recently stepped down from the Boulder LP chair.

It has often been said that if an employee had to pay their income taxes to the government directly, instead of having them withheld from their pay by their employers, the Libertarian Party would be over-flowing with new members. This month's featured activist has proven this theory.

Michele Poague manages a gentlemen's club. While the club hired the dancers to perform on stage, an additional money maker for the dancers, 'private dances' (or commonly known as 'lap dances') were kept separate from the relationship with the club. As such, Michele had traditionally accounted for her workers as contractors concerning these 'private dances'. Thus, the dancers were responsible for paying for their own taxes. This was done because the club did not pay the workers for these dances, they worked for tips. As such, the club was not involved in the financial transactions between the customers and the clubs workers. Basically a working relationship between the customer and dancer, but not employer-employee.

However, you can all see where we are going from here. The IRS is never happy dealing with the public directly. The IRS realizes that stealing the worker's money through the employer is less stressful on the public, and so less people 'cheat' the thief. So, the IRS declared that the night club would be required to withhold taxes from the dancers because "the night club provided a service to their customers through the 'private dancing'", and was thus responsible for the withholding (a stretch to be sure, but I digress). As a result of this ruling, each dancer was then required to do three 'private dances' per night, and the proceeds for the first dance went directly to the IRS, for a 33.33% tax.

Realizing the futility of fighting the IRS, Michele did something that will make all of you proud. In the food and drink industry, it is common practice to 'tip-out'. Waiters and waitresses give a portion of their tips to the bartender and bus boys, and in some cases the hostesses. So it is with dancers, they tip the bartenders and bouncers. When the dancers were told of the new system, they were looking at it as having to 'tip-out' Uncle Sam. But Michele made sure that none of them lost sight of where the money was going, and just how much money that indeed was!

Michele kept a sheet for each girl, as required by the IRS, and she made sure that the dancers saw that sheet. She made sure that they realized just how much of their labor was being taken from them. She did not allow them to simply shrug it off as one more thing you were forced to deal with. In short, Michele opened these dancer's eyes, and made them think. You'll be proud and happy to know that a goodly number of those dancers are now members of the Libertarian party, and are fighting for the freedom of all of us!

Ah the power of the obvious, if only we fight to keep it obvious. Michele's shining example is just one more example of how we can take a part of our daily routine and turn it into libertarian activism. Perhaps if those of you reading this note who own businesses, or manage employees, were to follow Michele's lead, and made sure that your employees were constantly reminded of how their labor is stolen from them (along with a gentle invitation to the LP of course), we just might all enjoy...

Liberty in my lifetime!

— Joe Johnson

Michele Poague has lived in Colorado most of her life. She joined the LP in 1991, and has been active ever since. Michele organized the most successful fund-raising dinner of the Brown campaign in '96, was the state Chairman in '98, co-organized the state convention in '98-'99-'00&'01, and was instrumental in getting small 'I' libertarians elected to the Glendale City Council. Michele is married to fellow Libertarian activist Monty Poague, and she is Ms May in the Ladies of Liberty calendar (Contact BetteRose Ryan at betterrose@aol.com; proceeds benefit the LPCO). And the night club? Shotgun Willies.

Summary of Changes to the Colorado Liberty

PAID LPCO members will continue to receive the Liberty on a MONTHLY basis. Additionally any registered member who has paid specifically for a subscription to the Colorado Liberty will continue to receive it monthly. "Friends of the LPCO" will continue to receive the monthly publication.

Registered (unpaid) members will no longer receive the Liberty after the July issue. The Liberty will still be made available through the LPCO web site in PDF or HTML format. If paid LPCO members would like to help the party out financially they may "opt-out" of receiving the printed and mailed edition in favor of retrieving the online version. To "opt-out" of the physical mailing please Information Director Margaret Alia Denny or Publications Director Jim Vance.

A new quarterly publication will be produced and sent out to all general registered members (those who are not dues paying members of the party or paid subscribers to the Liberty) as soon as it is created and distributed.

The Libertarian of the Year Ptak Award



On August 17th the annual Libertarian Party of Colorado Awards Banquet was held in Colorado Springs. At the banquet the Colorado Libertarian of the Year award was presented to Elizabeth Bennett who was selected by the Party membership.

Elizabeth, who recently moved from the Lafayette area to Frederick, was surprised to receive the award.

John Berntson, State Party Chair, read some of the comments made about Elizabeth during the voting process:

"Although much of what she does is behind the scenes, so much would not be accomplished without her. She was the one who spend all day on July 11th picking up candidate forms that hadn't yet been filled by the candidates to insure the forms reach the Secretary of State's office on time. She did this despite the fact that she was closing on her new home the next week, and had other things she should have done that day. In fact, she cancelled appointments that day, and a doctor's appointment on the Monday before, just to make sure we got our candidates on the ballot. And yet, with all that she does, she still finds time to register people as Libertarians and get some of them to join the party outright." - *BetteRose Ryan*

"It is people like Elizabeth—who operate behind the scenes and with little recognition outside of the small core of activist members—who keep the LPCO alive and vital. Elizabeth has been the unseen and unknown force behind getting things done. Without her tireless efforts, everything we have been able to get done in the last two years would be about half-done. She has done so many things all year—as you already know—and many more that you may not know about. When someone else drops the ball, it is she who picks it up and runs with it." - *John Berntson*

Elizabeth Bennett—this years extraordinarily deserving recipient of the LPCO Libertarian of the Year. Please take a moment to congratulate Elizabeth the next time you see her working her magic... probably somewhere in the background!



Biff Baker Scores Big in Voter Poll

In the early pre-Labor day stage of several political races a survey was conducted on what is in the light of the new US Congressional District 7 being often overlooked—the race for US Congressional District 5. The survey was conducted through both mail in and on-line delivery and was advertised in the Colorado Springs Gazette, Colorado Springs Independent, and the Leadville Chronicle. (Four corners of 5th District ranges from Colorado Springs to Leadville and down to Salida and then Canon City.)

The poll results, while not surprising to the Libertarian Party supporters more than likely sent a shock to the incumbent's campaign team when the results came back with Biff Baker, the Libertarian candidate for US Congressional District 5, showing an early and EXTREMELY SPACIOUS lead over his competition.

The poll results were:

- Biff Baker 63%

- Joel Hefley 9% (incumbent)

- Undecided 28%

Biff Baker has promised to not rest on this survey, but instead push forward as hard and strong as he can to show the District 5 population how Joel Hefley has betrayed his promises while in Washington D.C. and how he (Baker) will actively work to untangle Hefley's mistakes through legitimate plans for elimination of the budget deficit, and increased opportunities for individuals, families, and businesses under the practical application of the libertarian philosophy in Washington D.C.

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased that my 5th Congressional District campaign has helped focus public attention on up to \$100 million in fraud within the Missile Defense program. According to Senator Allard, the Government Accounting Office, which is the investigative arm of Congress, is now looking into the fraudulent and illegal activities of two General Officers. You can read about the Cover Story that exposed the fraud in depth at <http://www.csindy.com/csindy/2002-06-13/cover.html>

Additionally, due to Congressman Joel Hefley's failure to investigate and attempted cover up of this \$100 million in fraud, I am working very hard for all taxpayers and citizens to ensure that he is investigated by the House of Representatives Ethics committee and other government agencies as well. Despite death threats and an attempt on my life, I will not give up! We must restore honor and integrity to the US Congress, and freedom to all Americans..

This letter is confirmation of an enormous victory for those of us that expect honesty and integrity from our Politicians. The fraudulent contract that launched my campaign has been revoked by the Missile Defense Agency.

However to defeat an entrenched, corrupt, career politician like Joel Hefley we need to launch an immediate all out news media, policy, and education blitz during these final three months before the election. I will use your donation to 1) spend countless hours day and night walking through District 5, 2) conduct interviews with the citizens, newspapers, radio, and television talk shows, 3) initiate legal action to have Joel Hefley indicted for his participation in the cover-up of \$100 million in fraud.

Lastly, we need to continue our weekly newspaper advertisements and press releases to the American people featuring Joel Hefley's lies about term limits, a balanced budget, reforming social security, and protecting the military and veterans. Hefley's integrity is akin to Leaders in Enron and Arthur Anderson: 1. Hefley promised term limits and then did not abide by them; 2. Joel said we had a balanced budget, but the federal debt increased \$4 trillion during his watch; 3. He never reformed social security -- it is now \$10 trillion in unfunded obligations; while on the Armed Services Committee, Hefley permitted the military to shrink by 40% in the past 10 years, which substantially contributed to the September 11th crisis; and finally he refused to support the Veterans Voting Block on protecting Veteran's Benefits.



I self funded my entire primary campaign through a 2d mortgage on my house. I am now asking all honest Americans that are tired of getting screwed by the corrupt career politicians to take a stand! That is why I am counting on you to send a campaign contribution to the "Biff Baker 2002" campaign. Whether it is \$20, \$100, or the legal limit of \$1000, YOU will make a difference for America by supporting an honest Disabled Veteran against a corrupt career politician! Just \$10 would even make a difference because that will yield enough paper and ink for 100 brochures! Then I can ensure that all Libertarian issues are immediately addressed by the next Congress.

Undecided? Then please see my web site at www.biff1.org for other issues in this campaign.

If you cannot give cash to fund our advertising campaign, then could you tell at least 10 friends about our efforts to clean up government?

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Stanley Faces Hearing—Walks Away Censured

By BetteRose and Tony Ryan

On August 27th, 2002, the Colorado Libertarian Party Board of Directors met in a public hearing regarding the Senate candidacy of Mr. Rick Stanley. Several Party members had requested de-certification citing alleged violations of the Party's Statement of Principles.

Representing the complainants was Joe Johnson, while Mr. Stanley represented himself, assisted by Michael Casiopo.

The complaint, as presented at the hearing, focused on two of several issues:

Mr. Stanley's forwarding of an e-mail sent to his "Stanley Scoop" in which the author advocated street trials and summary executions for government workers and others for treasonous acts. It was alleged that Mr. Stanley's preface remarks in forwarding the e-mail were tantamount to advocating the author's statements, and; Mr. Stanley's stance on a proposed flag desecration amendment.

Mr. Johnson began by presenting our Statement of Principles. He pointed out that Mr. Stanley signed a pledge stating, "We do not advocate the initiation of force". Further, as a candidate, Mr. Stanley signed another pledge, which states; "I support the Statement of Principles of the Libertarian Party". He concluded by saying it would be shown that Mr. Stanley had failed to support the Statement of Principles.

The first issue was the forwarded e-mail. Johnson said, after some remarks and a reading of the questioned e-mail, "What Rick did write - at the top before he forwarded this, 'Thank you very much for your comments. I will forward, and when the day comes, and it will, America will be prepared for the traitor's day in the People's Court'"

He continued, pointing out that, if Mr. Stanley's preface comments had ended at "I will forward", it would be tacit approval of everything the author advocated. He stated, "Mr. Stanley failed, in his sworn oath, to support the Statement of Principles".

But, Stanley had written more and that constituted "approval of what is written in here. It is blatant approval of what is written here. Untold thousands of people get the 'Stanley Scoop'. I have no idea how many are not Libertarians, but untold thousands of people now believe that Libertarians believe that we should 'kill every cop, every lawyer, every judge', etc., etc., etc. We hold the right to life. This man does not hold that - and Rick Stanley agrees with it".

In his defense, Stanley said, "They said, 'He forwarded an e-mail'. Yes, I forwarded an e-mail - no crime. I forwarded e-mail to the 'Stanley Scoop' for discussion. Again, no crime. They said, 'Advocating murder'. It did not say that they pulled out a couple of sentences by O. Chival that say he looked forward to the day 'when we offer summary street trials, i.e. mixed war trials, being carried out in America by We, the Sovereign American People under laws of war and treason'. In other words, he's looking forward to a day when the American people decide to fight back. These were not my words, but there is nothing wrong with his word - he's technically correct.

"What was my response? Stanley wrote, 'Thank you very much for your comments. I will forward, and when the day comes, and it will, America will be prepared for the traitor's day in the People's Court they said, 'These are the words that state that he supports the contents of the letter he forwarded to his Scoop'. That's my comment. Nothin' advocating murder; no explicit acknowledgement of support for street justice. 'America will be prepared for the traitor's day in the People's Court'. So, they're putting words in my mouth. Aren't our courts the people's court? Does this man speak for Stanley because they said he did, with their interpretation? They go on - the complaint goes on to say, this man (we're talkin' about the writer) - and, by extension, Mr. Rick Stanley - by extension, wants to kill Paul Grant, Tony Ryan, Vin Supryniewicz - I never said any of this."

Walter Schlomer asked Mr. Stanley, "How do you, to cut to the chase, exactly feel about summary trials and executions of public servants, or anyone else, for that matter?"

Stanley responded, "You know, there is going to be a day where there is a revolution in this country. And, I believe Libertarians are going to be there to prevent exactly all of those things. And, we're going to be there to demand fair trials for these people, and to demand rule of law and to demand that our Constitution be adhered to."

As to the second charge, Johnson brought in two pieces of evidence that apparently showed Stanley advocates a flag desecration amendment. One piece, taken from Stanley's web site, was discussed in detail during Stanley's rebuttal.

Stanley Faces Hearing— Continued

He began with his position statement, "I would support the CFA's call for an amendment to the Constitution that states, 'The Congress shall have the power to prohibit the desecration of the flag of the United States'."

He went on to say, "People have the right to protect their flag if they so choose. I believe an amendment to the Constitution is the right way to go about it. However, until the people of the United States insist on the Constitution being upheld by the elected of Congress, the Senate and the Executive Branch, including the President, it's a moot point. The bottom right (sic) is, I understand about the flag issue they're trying to make it sound like there is something that is going on with this flag issue that violates our Statement of Principles. There is nothing here that does that. I'm a veteran. Veterans get very upset about their flag being abused."

Gaar Potter asked, "So, Mr. Stanley, if I have a flag that's my property, you advocate that a Constitutional amendment should be passed to prevent me from doing with my flag what I see fit."

Stanley replied, "No, I don't advocate that at all. The Citizen's Flag Alliance put out a thing saying that, it had about 25 questions on it, ok? Of those 25 questions I had a half a yes. The half a yes was I would support an amendment to the Constitution that states " (See above). "In other words, if the American people want to take the time and effort to go out and do an amendment to the United States, and 2/3's of the states agree with it and the same with the House and the Senate, and the President all agree to it, I'll probably go along with it."

Potter said, "So your answer is yes".

Stanley rebuts, "No, what I am saying is, I'm not advocating anything at all. I'm saying that somewhere down the line if the United States people decide this needs to be an amendment to the Constitution, they have that right. And, if they have that right, you and I are going to have to go along with it. And if I am a representative of the people at that point, I'd better listen to them."

Casiopo, in an attempt to clarify, said that the amendment meant desecration of the United States' flag, not anyone's personal flag. Then, "Rick is not against them burning their own flag and, once again, they would like to interpret it to mean you can't burn your flag."

Potter then said, "That Constitutional amendment you just read would apply to prevent me from burning my own flag."

Casiopo replied, "No, it wouldn't. It would prevent you from burning a flag owned by, and it says right here, 'the physical desecration of the flag of the United States' and if he would've written."

Potter interrupts, "It's just semantics."

The Chairman then asked Stanley, "I'm a little stunned here. So, you're saying this flag desecration amendment is only about burning flags owned by the government?"

Stanley replied, "Pretty much."

The Chairman stated, "That's already illegal."

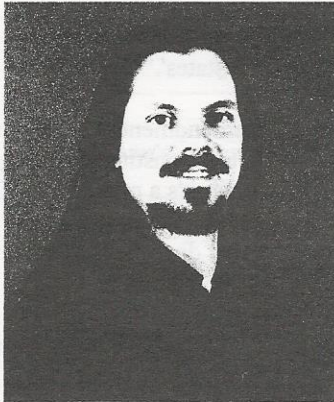
Stanley said, "That is what I said I agreed to..." and went on to explain he didn't mean ordinary citizens with their own flag. He said, "The amendment went too far, and it had, like, 25 points to it. I basically said this. That's it. And then I went on to point out all the reasons we shouldn't do it. Pretty simple."

The presentation of the evidence finished, the board went into executive session to discuss the matter. Upon their return to the hearing room, a motion that Stanley's candidacy be de-certified failed to pass. Another motion that the board officially and publicly censure Mr. Stanley was then passed unanimously.

The full version of this article will appear on the LPCO web site, with complete quotes.

Editor's Note: All quotes contained herein and in the web version of this article are taken directly from audio tape made by Tony Ryan at the Stanley Hearing.

Admit it Politicians — You're addicted... to the Drug War!



Most people think that “Drug War Addiction” is just a clever title, but a closer look reveals a few important insights and answers. The parallels between drug addiction and drug war addiction are limitless: the high that the power gives, the self-deception about the effect on those around you, the fear of withdrawal. The parallels run so deep, in fact, that we’re more likely kidding ourselves when we think that one **doesn’t** exist.

Case in point: The old adage “I can quit any time that I want to.” Prohibitionism is a problem that has been going on for centuries. We thought we learned our lesson after the 1920’s, yet it only took us five years to fall off the wagon and pick the habit back up again. Despite learning how bad alcohol prohibition was for us we still formed a cannabis prohibiting habit. Some 65 years later, we’re so cranked up on all of the drugs that we’ve been prohibiting that we’re thinking we want to outlaw cigarettes, and some of us are even seeking to illegalize herbal remedies.

How do we end this cycle? I’d like to suggest that we take a page from the experts on the subject — Alcoholics Anonymous. Be warned, though: the sins of the US are many, the denial is endemic, and the withdrawal effects will be truly wicked. Perhaps this examination will help us to understand the resistance that many have towards heading down that road in the first place. I present to you “The Twelve Step Program for Prohibitionism.”

- (1) We admit we are powerless over prohibition - that our governance has become unmanageable.

The first step to solving any problem is admitting that we have a problem. This is also the hardest part, especially for the government. One of the obstacles here is collective guilt. No single individual can admit his or her own guilt without implicating everyone else, and nobody likes to be on the wrong end of finger pointing. For a career politician, this amounts to career suicide.

This creates a situation where it takes a rare person to even want to admit to the problem, coupled with a dead certainty that this rare person would be quickly beaten down by his or her peers. As a result our government is mired in denial.

- (2) Come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

In the case of Government, we can apply the term “Power greater than ourselves” to mean the American people. We are the government’s creators and it should live to serve us. By defying our will the government sins against us.

If we shed the dogmatic claptrap, the bottom line is that the government isn’t going to give up its bad habits on its own. The high of corporate sponsorship and sweeping legal power has it in a stupor that insulates it from the consequences of its actions. If we’re going to end this problem, the people need to get their act together and stage a nationwide intervention.

I’m sure you’ve heard of this kind of thing. A large group of an addict’s closest friends confront him, letting him know that he’s ruining his life. This translates to the citizens putting their foot down and telling the government that we won’t condone this behavior anymore.

- (3) Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of the people.

Small interventions have been occurring all over the country, although the government is doing its best to ignore it. A number of excellent examples can be found in the medical marijuana initiatives. Colorado’s Secretary of State attempted to deny the state the right to even vote on this issue. Washington DC refused to spend the money to count the votes. In every instance, the federal government has stepped in and denied the states’ right to self-government.

An intervention only works if you leave the person no room to convince himself that those intervening are just a deluded minority. Our government’s need for denial even goes so far as to suggest that those who vote for medical marijuana are a deluded majority. They definitely won’t listen to a group of a few thousand druggies that block the courthouse steps. If we’re going to get their attention, we need true popular support.

- (4) Make a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

One of the good parts of the information age is that this is readily available. Sites like DRC Net’s Drug Policy Library (<http://www.druglibrary.org/>), The Schaffer Library of Drug Policy (<http://www.druglibrary.org/schaffer/index.HTM>), and the Drug Policy Alliance (<http://www.lindesmith.org/>) have been tracing roots of our addiction for years. The information is ready for us when we’re ready to use it.

- (5) Admit to ourselves and the world the exact nature of our wrongs.

Where do we start? The millions in jail would only be a beginning. Just to give a few examples, we could start with property seizures, illegal searches, racial profiling, and corrupt police departments. With little difficulty we could go on to mandatory sentencing laws, paying people to lie, elevated murder rates, and gang warfare. If we push a little, we might get the admission to culpability in the colossal misuse of taxes and manpower, and the degradation in trust of our public servants, police, teachers,

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and neighbors. I doubt we'll ever take responsibility for the drug war's effects on international politics.

This step is crucial to drive home the full magnitude of this disaster. It's necessary to remind ourselves of why what we're doing is wrong and to help us avoid repeating our actions in the future.

(6) Be entirely ready to have the people remove all these defects of character, and (7) Humbly ask Them to remove our shortcomings.

Seriously, folks, I'd settle for the Government limiting itself to a fair fight. Unfortunately, they believe that this is war and, as the saying goes, all is fair.

(8) Make a list of all persons we have harmed, and become willing to make amends to them all.

What would we include? Lost wages for the imprisoned? Death benefits for the bereaved of deaths from all causes? Educational benefits to those turned down? Lost wages to those denied jobs based on drug testing? Reparations for wars started based on drug traffic? This could be a very long list.

This is also a major obstacle to our first step listed above. Admitting that we were wrong means admitting culpability in a very broad selection of harmful activities. The legal liability alone creates a need to deny that cripples our lawmakers.

(9) Make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Some of the worst crimes of the drug war are irreparable. How do you make amends to property owners imprisoned for not illegally spying on tenants or customers? How do you compensate someone sent to jail for decades because they refused to inform on their loved ones? What can you say to a child sent to an orphanage because his parents smoked pot? What could you possibly do for the loved ones of those who died from illnesses that could have been treated with medical marijuana?

The emotional burden of this war is mounting just as fast as the financial one. Again, the very reasons for stopping this war stand in the way of admitting that it is a problem.

(10) Continue to take personal inventory and when we are wrong promptly admit it.

The easiest way to repeat your mistakes is to forget that you ever made them. As much as we may want to, we need to resist the urge to pretend that the whole incident never happened. It's amazing how far people will go to do this. For instance, it is currently illegal in France to admit that the Holocaust happened. We would need to identify where we went wrong, codify this into a philosophy to live by, and give ourselves an undying reminder of just how badly we messed up. It is a difficult thing to admit that we were wrong, but it is even tougher to live with that knowledge.

(11) Seek to improve our conscious contact with the people, asking for knowledge of their will for us and the power to carry that out.

The drug war has left us with the increased belief that our government doesn't care about people, doesn't listen to us, and will really only do something for the people under serious threat of withdrawal of campaign funding. Repairing this division will require an honest overture towards improving the connection between the representatives and the people. The information age presents many useful techniques for improving this kind of communication — we have only to make use of them.

(12) Having had a political awakening as the result of these steps, we will try to carry this message to other addicts and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

This last step involves understanding the root causes and finding strength to accept the answers that we find. Alcoholism is often a symptom of dissatisfaction, and the belief that alcohol can solve one's problems. It does more than fail to solve the problems — it usually makes the problems worse.

Similarly, the drug war is just a single instance of a greater problem. That problem is called prohibitionism. Prohibitionism is the belief that passing laws against something enjoyable will stop people from doing it. This is a very attractive idea to most people, and it's easy to ignore its repeated failure.

Prohibitionism has a distinct pattern. First, we legalize something. Second, businessmen move in and provide that something at a significant markup. The more we push the prohibition, the greater the markup, and the more attractive the prohibited product or practice is to these businessmen. Even worse, illegality makes the product more appealing to the rebels of our society. The harder we fight something, the more rebels we create. If we push prohibition hard enough it makes that product popular. This makes the businessmen very powerful and they often work to keep the product illegal, thus protecting their income.

We must realize that nowhere in history has the philosophy of prohibitionism actually worked. This is true about drugs, gambling, weapons, art, literature, philosophy, and passion. Our society's odd fascination with eliminating the enjoyable is a centuries-old addiction in which we continue to indulge ourselves. Now is the time, in our new age of information, that we must finally choose to learn from this most devastating of mistakes.

Biff Baker Rattles the Cages...

Reprint of the June 21, 2002 article from the Colorado Springs Gazette by John Diedrich

Local man's concerns fuel military contract inquiry

The General Accounting Office is investigating allegations by a Colorado Springs man that military contracts were improperly awarded because there was no competition.

The GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, is looking into claims by Biff Baker, who formerly worked for COLSA Corp., a private company that has contracts with the Army to develop a missile defense system.

Baker said he was hired as an auditor in December and fired in March because he raised questions about contracts. COLSA officials did not respond to questions. Baker, who is running for the House of Representatives against Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., took his claims to members of Congress, who in turn asked the GAO to look into the matter.

The GAO's Office of Special Investigations has opened a probe, said Sean Conway, spokesman for Sen. Wayne Allard, R-Colo. A GAO official refused to confirm or deny the investigation.

The Department of Defense Inspector General reviewed Baker's firing but said it couldn't act because Baker worked for a subcontractor and whistleblower protection didn't apply. They referred the case to the Army Inspector General and another agency, which declined to comment.

At the heart of the issue is a government practice of awarding contracts to companies on a "sole-source basis," meaning there is no competition. Baker said he flagged several contracts that should have been opened to competition and if they had, would have cost less. "You don't know if you are getting the best value unless you bid it out," said Baker, a 22-year Army veteran.

The government does sole-source contracts if the work is so specialized only one company can do it, said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, spokesman for the Missile Defense Agency.

In particular, Baker was upset about an announcement by the Army Space and Missile Defense Command in December that SY Technology, which has several contracts on the missile defense program, would get a sole-source contract to build the Site Activation Command.



Candidate for US District 5 House of Representatives Biff Baker

SAC will control the Army's land-based missile system. It was a five-year, \$43.6 million contract, with five one-year extensions.

Baker said building and running the Site Activation Command could be done by at least a few dozen companies.

According to the sole-source announcement, SY was getting the contract based on its prior work record and its knowledge of the program. It also was favored because it was a small company.

The announcement also gave competing companies a chance to pitch their ability to handle the contract. In fact, several companies said they could, prompting the Army to withdraw the sole-source arrangement, Lehner said.

The contract was eventually put out for competition by another Army agency. Lehner said several companies bid on the work. The winner has not been announced.

SY wasn't able to bid on the work. Since the contract was first announced in December, it was acquired by a large company, removing its small company status.

Even though that contract ultimately was put out for competition, Baker said the practice of sole-sourcing should be investigated. There are other examples of companies getting contracts without competition, he said.

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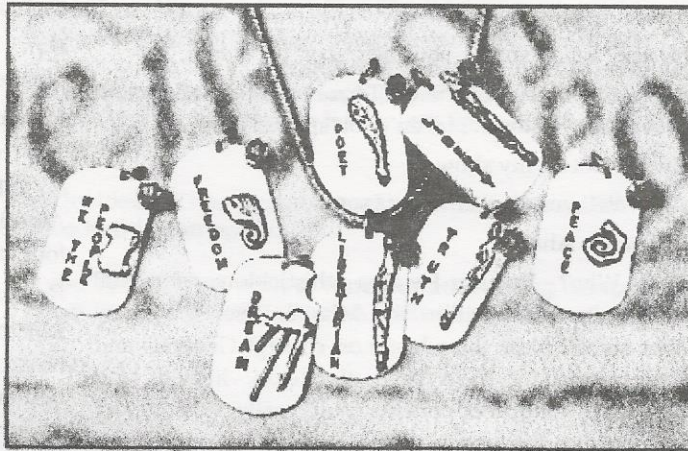
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Mike Rosen Challenges Baker—and LOSES!

After what some party members have been calling a solid defeat of Rick Stanley at the hands of Mike Rosen, popular talk show host on KOA, 850AM, Biff Baker stepped up to the plate to hand Rosen a distinctive defeat thanks to unquestionable facts rather than supposition or opinions.

On Wednesday July 17th, Biff Baker sparred on the topic at hand: Mike Rosen's support of the premise that in these "extraordinary times" the citizens of the United States should gladly give up "some" of their freedoms in trade for "some" security. After being on hold by Rosen's historically uncooperative to libertarians staff for some 40 minutes, Baker and Rosen threw down the gauntlets.

The following is a transcript of the roughly 30 minute debate provided by Biff Baker who taped the broadcast.

Biff Baker told Rosen, "I am a West Point graduate and a disabled veteran with 22 years of honorable service to the defense of this country and our constitution. I believe that Constitutional protection per the Bill of Rights must be enforced for all citizens and legal aliens."

Biff continued, "Likewise, I believe the 'spy on your neighbor' program legislation is a move in the wrong direction".

Rosen: "What 'spy on your neighbor' legislation?"

Biff: "Operation TIPS or Terrorist Information and Prevention System". Haven't you spoken of it?"

Rosen: Not on my show.

Biff: Well you should! May I say why?

Rosen: Go Ahead.

Biff: Why? Because I was a whistleblower for \$100 million in fraud within the Missile Defense system. Ever since I blew the whistle on corrupt Generals and Congressmen, I have been slandered, libeled, and defamed. Political opponents could easily, without fact or substance turn me in as "un-Patriotic". And the 'spy on your neighbor TIPS legislation moves law enforcement from local to Federal levels and that is wrong!

Rosen: So, I suppose you think the Patriot Act is wrong?

Biff: Exactly! I am totally opposed to the "Un-Patriot Act". For several reasons.

Rosen: You mean in a time of crisis you do not agree with the provisions of the Patriot Act?

Biff: I do not. There are two main reasons why. First, it is so loosely worded that a church group or even the Libertarian Party could be labeled as 'enemy of the state'.

Rosen: That would never happen!

Biff: Secondly, when they wrote the un-Patriotic Act,

they outlawed whistleblowers. If you find fraud or abuse in Homeland Defense – you cannot blow the whistle by law. This is wrong!

Rosen: I disagree. Now you are being absurd!

Biff: I fought for 22 years on the front lines to maintain our freedoms. I think I have a clearer view of our rights than someone who has never been on the front lines!

Rosen: You don't believe in any of my arguments during time of crisis.

Biff: I believe your argument would be more credible if we had a Declaration of War, but we don't!

Rosen: Do you believe in the draft? And do you believe the government had a right to do rationing etc in World War II.

Biff: I do not believe in a draft – I never have. But if you choose to serve then the individual should keep their agreement and the government should too.

Rosen: I agree.

Biff: (laughs): Really!

Rosen: You laugh too much.

Biff: I only laugh when you say something silly.

Rosen: I am glad you are not in charge of Homeland Defense.

Biff: I wrote the Operations Plan (OPLAN) or war plan for Defense of North America.

Rosen: No you didn't! Now you're lying.

Biff: You are wrong! I personally wrote the war plan on behalf of US Commander in Chief (CINC) North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) – four star General Joe Ashey.

Rosen: You mean you wrote a portion of it?

Biff: No Sir. I was the author. General Ashey gave me broad guidance. I wrote the bulk of it assisted by 5 fighter pilots and then I briefed it to General Ashy for approval.

Rosen: But no one from the Pentagon ...

Biff: After General Ashey approved our plan, I personally briefed it to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Canadian version of our Joint Chiefs of Staff and had it approved. General Ashey's vision, my war plan.

Rosen: Nonsense: Now you ARE exaggerating.

Biff: No Sir! I will fax you my Officer Efficiency Reports signed by General Officers as well as my Defense Meritorious Service Medal citation and commendation to prove it. I don't lie. I'm the author.

Rosen: Well may be your definition of author is different from my definition of author". You may have had input but you certainly did not write it!

Biff: Sir. You are WRONG! And once you read these

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faxes, I will expect an apology on the air!

Rosen: I still wouldn't make you Chief of Homeland Defense.

Biff: At least I have been on the front lines. And I'd be better than these crooks that are trying to cheat the American taxpayer out of \$100 million in fraudulent contracts.

Rosen: In the Department of Defense budget, \$100 million is nothing – not even worth mentioning on my show!

Biff: I don't think the American taxpayers think that \$100 million is nothing. I surely don't!

NOTE: The remainder of the show Rosen quibbled about the definition of author and mentioned a few other things. AFTER Biff hung up, Rosen began to state that "Colonel Baker was a mere technician who obviously overstated his importance!"

Following the broadcast Biff Baker sent out the previous transcript with a copy of his Service Medal narrative as supporting evidence to all the statements he made on Rosen's show:

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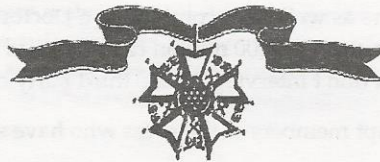
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Rosen Admits He's Wrong—but it took a while!

Biff Baker, after his encounter with Mike Rosen, faxed the information requested to Rosen, and then waited. He waited several days before issuing a scathing open letter calling Rosen out yet again to admit his statements were in error in regards to Biff's role in designing the war plan for the defense of North America. The letter read as follows:

Mike,

I already sent you faxes proving that I was the principal author of the war plan for defense of North America.

Also attached is a copy of the Legion of Merit which I received due to my work on multiple war plans here, and in the Middle East.

I was designated a "Joint Specialty Officer" or JSO by the Joint Chiefs of Staff because I was in the top one tenth of one percent of all Army officers in Joint and Combined Strategic Planning. In other words, you met the real McCoy. Further, your speculation that I was merely a technician or a "typist" after I hung up the phone reveals your true lack of character and integrity. You can however, recover from this temporary flaw in truth by apologizing on the air and righting a wrong. Your slander against my military record was not appreciated.

Further, I do not believe that you have the moral authority to talk about war. You are obviously entitled to your opinion, but you are consistently WRONG when it comes to protecting the freedoms of Americans against the current slippery slope toward an authoritarian government. Those of us in the front lines, who risk our lives daily, understand freedom more than a rear echelon mouthpiece for the Republican Party. I swore an Oath to the US Constitution -- and I take that oath seriously.

Further, my opponent for US House of Representative, District #5, Joel Hefley has no military record! He did not serve in Korea or Viet Nam, whereas I joined during Viet Nam. Hefley has absolutely no concept of being shot or killed for freedom. Politicians don't keep us free, soldiers do! As do honest radio talk show hosts that are more interested in TRUTH rather than in promoting an incompetent, dishonest, career Politician like Joel Hefley.

To answer your question as to why Libertarians don't win? Simple answer is a lack of press coverage.

I am a West Point graduate, 22 years active duty in numerous combat zones. I served as a Diplomat for the American Embassy in Kuwait for two years as well. I am completing a Doctorate in Management (abd) from Colorado Technical University, and am prosecuting a \$100 million case on fraud within government. Your response? \$100 million is nothing! And further, you don't interview 'mere' third party candidates.

Why don't Libertarians win? Corrupt members of the press who have sold out to the establishment.

By the way, your apology on-the-air for slandering my military record and expertise will be gleefully accepted anytime. For your info I have also provided a copy of the Legion of Merit I received for authoring numerous war plans -- FYI: many Generals don't even have a Legion of Merit!

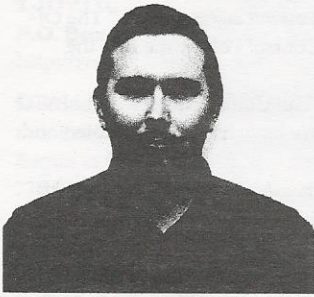
Regards,

BIFF BAKER
CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT 5
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

After issuing the open letter, again, Baker and the LPCO waited. Rosen appeared to be the ultimate incarnation of a hypocrite, claiming to be one who bases his foundation on facts, but when the facts were presented to him by Biff Baker, he has chosen to selectively ignore them.

But after a period of time, Rosen finally admitted his errors. Mike Rosen apologized on the air on Friday August 30th for misrepresenting Biff Baker's excellent military record. Mike admitted that Biff Baker did indeed author the war plan for defense of North America.

The Founding Terrorists



As Public Information Director, I normally don't write columns for *Colorado Liberty*. However, from time to time I do write my usual letter to the editor, I do get the opportunity to spread the Libertarian message on the radio, and I do plenty of Outreach events. I was fortunate to win the Lights of Liberty Triathlon Award this spring, but I'd like to see more of those awards in Colorado than just me. So to that end, here is something new for me, and I hope it gets people motivated to become activists and hyper-activists within the Party. We need all we can get...

In a stuffy assembly room in Philadelphia 226 years ago, 56 men sat down and signed a document that made history. These men were the giants of the Colonies: Ben Franklin, Sam Adams, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock, Samuel Chase, Benjamin Harrison, Caesar Rodney, Elbridge Gerry, Roger Sherman, to name a few. There were future presidents and ambassadors among them, Patriots all. They pledged their lives and the future of this land called

America on a new concept of self-governance, one which would change the world:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

These words are the benchmark of the greatest experiment in constitutional government called the United States. We celebrate and commemorate those words, which, as Abraham Lincoln stated in 1863, "gave birth to a new nation, conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—those are some powerful words. We have the right to live free from oppression and servitude and make the choices necessary to, as the Preamble of the Constitution put it, "secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

The right to Pursue Happiness means the right to make choices, which also means the right to give consent and to revoke it as needed. The choice to institute a government comes from the People, and it is the People who choose to consent to give powers to the government.

This is the most fundamental concept of our nation: **It is through the rights of the People that they give consent to the powers of the government.**

That consent can be revoked as well. The Declaration continues from above: *"...that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of those ends, it is the right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its Foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."*

The People can establish government by giving consent or dissolve it by revoking that consent. Without that consent, government is meaningless and powerless. Therefore the powers of government derive necessarily from the rights of the People, and the rights of the People must be superior to the power of government.

That, too, must be repeated: **The powers of government derive necessarily from the rights of the People, and the rights of the People are superior to the power of government.** This is the fundamental principle of limited government! The People are the ultimate check on government! (As it should be!)

So 226 years later, what do we all have? Once again, as in 1776, we have the power of government stealing the rights of the People! We're back to where we started!

In 1776, the colonists submitted "a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states."

Here now, in 2002, we are faced with the same history. Note these comparisons between George III of Britain with his henchmen and George II of Texas with his henchmen:

- "He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary to the public good." Be it repealing the income tax, abolishing the Federal Reserve, or preserving our rights, the government has been avoiding the public good for generations, slowly trampling our rights.
- "He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them." Federal mandates have been overriding state laws for years, most recently evidenced by drug prohibition laws and political blackmail in such areas like speed limits, environmental regulations, and seatbelt laws.
- "He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures." The shadow government in place since 9-11 has met at unusual places distant from the depository of their public records in Washington D.C., and the People are the ones fatigued into compliance with their unconstitutional laws.
- "He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People." The government's chief law representative, the Attorney General, has specifically stated that those who question the government support terrorism, and according to section 802 of the USA PATRIOT Act, any law violation makes us a terrorist!
- "He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent to laws for establishing judiciary powers." The USA

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PATRIOT Act established secret tribunals, exempt from due process laws and the proper administration of justice. The power of jury nullification is suppressed under threat of jail on a regular basis.

- *"He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our People, to eat out our substance."* The Office of Homeland Security, the Office of Faith-Based Charities, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the IRS, the ATF, the DEA, the EPA—the list goes on and on. So does the harassment of the People.
- *"He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislatures."* The United Nations and NATO both have forces operating within our borders. We had NATO patrol planes in our skies. We have had soldiers jailed and discharged for refusing to wear the UN standard on our own soil.
- *"He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation:"* Several acts are then described, all of which are being done today by the United Nations, which our government hosts and sponsors.
- *"He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us."* Government police need not respond to a person's call for help. War against the People has taken the form of war against objects and ideas: Alcohol, Poverty, Drugs, Terrorism, Guns—all of those and more are actually war against the People. They are the ones getting killed and getting their property taken, not the objects and ideas!
- *"He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our People."* Government has done every single one of these things in its current War on Drugs, Prohibition in the past, and countless other events where government destroyed People for its own benefit.

The acts of 9-11 were indeed the first shots of a war against the American People. But it is not foreign terrorists that are waging that war—it is our own government! And if you think the incumbent Republicans and Democrats are any help, think again. They're the ones that got us into this mess!

The federal government completed what the terrorists started—the revocation of the very freedom that makes our nation unique. Big Brother now can look at your medical records, steal your property, videotape your every move, tap your phone, burglarize your home, search you, search your property, and search your car without a warrant, read your mail and email, and snoop on innocent, law-abiding citizens. And it's all legal, according to the PATRIOT Act.

So what are we going to do about it?

The goal of the Libertarian Party is to elect candidates to office to effect political change for freedom and Liberty. We also lobby to influence the incumbency to do the right thing. It can be successful, as HB 1404, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform, proved this last

legislative term. These goals will not change, and in fact will become more intense!

There are some 5000+ registered Party members in Colorado. There are 102 state and federal offices up for election this fall. We're running over 60 candidates for these offices, and almost 20 more in local elections. We have a candidate somewhere for every 60 Party members. We have 13 two-way races that we can win! We should have 60 persons per candidate helping their campaigns in some fashion besides just voting for them!

All of our candidates, from Rick Stanley and Ralph Shnelvar at the top of the ticket, down to the local office seekers, need YOUR support and assistance. We have the manpower to make it happen. Do we have the commitment? Are we Monday-morning quarterbacks or are we active in helping our candidates and growing our voting block?

There are several things we all can do.

First, we need every single Libertarian and libertarian in Colorado to get active. We need people to walk the walk as well as talk the talk. Those who already are deserve a huge pat on the back and a thank you. We have seen the party grow by over 5% in June alone (Thanks to Ralph Shnelvar and Ken Gorman, among many others, for their spectacular efforts!). Promoting the Party and the libertarian philosophy is a constant thing. There are infinite possibilities to do this, so let's all seize the moment.

Second, we need every single Libertarian and libertarian in Colorado to support our candidates. Be it simple things like stamping and stuffing envelopes for mass-mailings, or helping a candidate bone up on debate topics and local issues, there is plenty to do and not enough people to do it. Districts are large and help is absolutely a must.

Third, we need every single Libertarian and libertarian candidate to help each other. If you are a State Representative candidate and the State Senate candidate or County Commissioner candidate or Congressional candidate in your district needs some help, work together for the mutual benefit. A show of unity goes a long way to winning votes and making precinct walking that much more successful.

Fourth, we need to quit both the internal bickering that goes on within the Party and get on with campaigning. These grippers know who they are. Our candidates are our candidates, for better or worse, and we need to help them. If we had a nickel for every gripe, we'd be running million-dollar ad campaigns and have a Party trust fund set up.

Our candidates to focus on their opponents and the issues, not internal strife. Quit your gritching and focus your ire on your ballot opponents, not your party members!

If the Signers of the Declaration of Independence were alive today, they would be under FBI surveillance or jailed in a tribunal prison without due process. They would be branded as terrorists by our government for supporting the causes of freedom and

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Liberty, for standing up to the government and telling them, "Enough is Enough!"

It is time to become the new Founding Terrorists. It is time for every American citizen to make their voice heard in the tradition of the Patriots that fought and died to be free two centuries ago. It is time to overcome the apathy that plagues the People, to care again about restoring the very Freedom that has been taken from us. It is time to reclaim our birthright, the Liberty that defines us as Americans! It is time for the American People to be Patriots once again. We must make sure that America does not die from apathy and neglect, but remains strong.

Let me make one thing perfectly clear: being a "Founding Terrorist" does not in any sense mean either advocating or committing treason, murder, or any other criminal acts. It does mean putting the government on notice that the continued usurpations on our Liberty will not be tolerated. Our security is in our Liberty, not in spite of it. It is part of our duty to loudly remind the government of that.

We are the next generation of Patriots. We are the new Founding Terrorists. Because we believe in the concepts of limited government, personal freedom, and individual responsibility, we should wear that label with pride. Patriotism without skepticism is nationalism. We should promote Patriotism, not Nationalism. The federal government wants dumbed-down robots. We want the freedom to make our own decisions, have our own thoughts, and have our own lives. We have the power to make it happen.

Let's make it happen. Let's put 80+ Libertarians in Colorado in office. Let's do it together.

— Mike Seebeck

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The Last Word



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Ladies and Gentlemen of the LPCO, and friends of the LPCO,

this is it. By the time you get this we'll be about a month from election day and things are, in my opinion, looking VERY bright for a number of our candidates not just to show well in the election results, but in WINNING their elections against entrenched Republican or Democrat opponents.

The questions I have for you, if you are NOT a candidate, is WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP?

If you're an LPCO member, or even if you are not, have you contributed to one of our outstanding candidates?

If you are a member of the press or have contacts within the press/media organization are you covering our struggles to make this country a viable representative republic again rather than a party-and-a-half system of haves and have-nots?

HAVE YOU talked to someone in this state, your congressional district, county, local area, or even the local shopping mall about

about the Libertarian candidates who will be on the ballot FOR THEM rather than for themselves and their political careers?

Have you volunteered to distribute flyers around neighborhoods, work outreach programs, or perhaps even protest the lack of inclusion of our candidates from debates or events where they should have equal billing?

Have you volunteered to do ANYTHING at all for our candidates and outreach efforts?

If you haven't, or you haven't in a long time, then I'm going to ask you to follow a few little instructions. YES, right now.

There—go to the closest mirror, stare yourself down for just a few seconds...

Now as soon as it becomes comfortable for you to just stare at yourself, when you are adequately familiar with your own eyes staring back at you then just pause there. Hold that moment in time and ask yourself out loud:

What have YOU done to fight for your rights, your liberty, TODAY?

If you can't answer that question, then maybe it's time to seriously look at helping out one, or several, of our candidates RIGHT NOW!

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